

conditions, I still believe it pays, and looking back over all the things we have gone through, I thank God for the past good that has been done, and trust him for the future. "The Lord will perfect that which concerns me."

CARLETON AND HAMLIN

I visited my old charges, a simple visit and nothing more; quickly over, yet refreshing. I found brother Than. Easterbrook in the Sunday-school, as superintendent; brother Charley Hesse, as president of the C. E.; J. B. Whipkey, teacher of the women's class; brother David Kelso, teacher of the men's class, and between these teachers and officers as in ye olden times, all doing a good work, without a pastor, going two years, waiting for the old one to come back. I consider that an honor. At Hamlin, they are getting ready to build a new church and aggressive work in the spring. This is good. I had to slip by Brother Yoder and Weimer, owing to complications, but will hope to try it again soon. These old friends are not forgotten.

THE WORK HERE

I believe as spring opens and the cause is pushed that much can be done. The opening has been made. Scaffolding built, foundations laid, landmarks erected, and advertisements put in all direction. There will always be hard work here, but never will one have to go through what the writer has for the same work, but we get fat on it; weigh one hundred and fifty pounds, eat hearty, sleep good, can run five blocks without a rest, and able to write you a letter with snap in it next week.

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#### WASHINGTON CITY ECHOES

Our baptismal service came off on last Wednesday night, and thus three more were added to our number. They were young people and of good influence, and we feel that they will prove a great blessing to the work. On Thursday evening, one of the number, a young lady, led the regular meeting; on next Thursday evening, another one of the number, a young man, is to be the leader. This is as it should be. It is praiseworthy and soldier-like.

Again have we been most forcibly reminded of our great need of a church building. Then we could arrange so as to have baptism much more impressive. As it is we are compelled to submit to much that mars the beauty and effect of the service.

On this last occasion the sexton somehow managed to get the preparation room so very warm that it "felt like a bake oven," and the pool like a refrigerator. To administer baptism in cold water to candidates who are in a state of perspiration, does not always produce the most salutary effects upon the minds of the observer, especially is this more apt to be the case when the minds of said observers, are somewhat indisposed to immersion. Had we our own church building

and baptistery all of these undesirable results would be avoided.

Meanwhile, however, we must work on and do what we can, praying and trusting for deliverance.

But we meet with other drawbacks. One thing in particular I find to be greatly against us. I refer to the failure to lift the College debt. Several months ago we secured quite a number of new subscribers to the EVANGELIST—our friends who were interested in our work. It is needless for me to tell of the impressions made on their minds when they read again and again of delinquencies that are proving so damaging to the highest interests of the church and bringing reproach upon the cause.

Only a few days ago our national legislature passed the famous fifty million dollar appropriation bill without a dissenting voice, and as unanimously the entire nation responded with a hearty *Amen!* Would it not be extremely unpatriotic now to refuse the payment of the same, or any part of it, in view of the great peril of our nation at this time?

Shall we then as God's representatives be less patriotic when his cause is in peril? No, the blush of shame must not be brought upon our face. This we can not afford. May the hour of deliverance soon come! May we stand together as one man and in God's strength the victory will soon be ours.

I am glad to say that our S. S. C. E. is beginning to prove itself an auxiliary of no small encouragement. And right here let me refer to the offer made by our friend, Mr. Chas. F. Myers, of this city, as reported last week by Sister Detwiler. Here is a grand chance for every S. S. C. E. of the whole brotherhood to make plenty of money to help along their home work and at the same time also prove a great blessing to the cause in this city. Who will try it? If you will sit down and write a card to Chas. F. Myers, 449, First St., S. E., this city, he will send you full particulars. To all who desire to make some money for themselves and at the same time help the Lord's work here, be sure to investigate this matter. It will pay.

Pledges for church property coming in slowly at present. We are holding special prayer for the funds for our own church home, and at the same time praying for the liquidation of the College debt in the near future. May many hearts soon be opened by the divine touch that the work of the gospel be no longer retarded!

We expect Brother Bowman, of Philadelphia to be with us a few nights next week. Remember us at a throne of grace.

Yours in his name,

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Pulse eaten in the fear of God is better food than all the king's dainties. We can not eat at the world's table and still show heavenly comeliness in our countenances.

I slept and dreamed that life was beauty;  
I waked and found that life was duty.

#### THE LARGEST CHRISTIAN STUDENT GATHERING IN HISTORY

*The Student Volunteer Convention at Cleveland*

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The third convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions has just been held in Cleveland, February 23-27. When, in 1894 (five years after the origin of the movement at Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, at the first Summer Bible School for College Students,) over seven hundred delegates came to the first convention, also held in Cleveland, it was deemed a remarkable thing. It was the largest gathering of Christian students known to have assembled up to that time. Yet at Detroit, three years later, double this number came; and now at the third convention 2,214 delegates have gathered, representing 458 institutions. It has been the largest and most representative student gathering in history.

The first afternoon of the convention was devoted to scrutiny of life, and to the reception by faith of fuller measure of the spirit of God, the Rev. F. B. Meyer of London leading the thoughts of the students. The five evening sessions were occupied with addresses by the Rev. Dr. D. J. Burrell on "The Insufficiency of the Non-Christian Religions and the Supremacy of Christianity;" the Rev. F. M. Zwerner, F. R. G. S., of Arabia, on "The Problem of Islam;" Mr. Douglass M. Thornton, the paternal delegate from the British Students' Volunteer Missionary Union, on "The Problem of Africa;" the Rev. Harlan P. Beach on "The Problem of Confucianism;" Mr. Robert P. Wilder on "The Problem of Hinduism;" the Bishop of Kentucky, the Right Rev. Dr. Dudley, on missions as the necessary expression of the Christian spirit, with an explanation of the watchword of the movement, "The Evangelization of the World in his Generation," and with the farewell meeting.

The morning sessions of the convention were attended by all of the delegates, and were devoted to the consideration of the Volunteer Movement, its needs and conditions, the preparation of the volunteers for their life work, the money problem, the relations of the movement to the theological seminaries, to the men of the church, to the various young people's movements; the need of a Volunteer Movement for home missions among the negro students of our country. Among the speakers at these sessions were Mr. John R. Mott, the chairman of the executive committee of the movement; the Rev. Dr. J. C. R. Ewing, president of the Forman Christian College, Lahore, India; the Rev. Dr. A. F. Schauffler, Bishop Ninde, Mr. F. S. Brockman, the Rev. Dr. H. C. Mabie, Ex-Governor James A. Beaver of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, President Charles Cuthbert Hall of Union Theological Seminary, Professor Bowen of Atlanta, and the Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay of Toronto.

Each afternoon the convention divided into sections. On Thursday these sections considered the different mission fields, and each